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SUBJ: UN SECRETARIAT STAFFING

1. ORHAN BARIM (TURKISH) CHIEF OF PURCHASE
AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT TOLD MISOFF
THAT HE HAS ADVISED ROBERT J. RYAN , ASSISTANT-SECRETARY-
GENERAL OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES, OF HIS INTENTION TO
RESIGN BECAUSE OF OVERWORK AND CONFUSION CAUSED BY
REPEATED ORDERS FOR PRIORITY ACTION ON EMERGENCY PROBLEMS.
FURTHER BARIM STATED THAT IF HE RESIGNED HE THOUGHT ROBERT
RYAN WOULD REPLACE HIM WITH A SOVIET. JAMES J. MCDONALD
(US) DEPUTY TO BARIM WILL RETIRE LATE THIS YEAR. DERMOT
HUSSEY(IRELAND) WOULD PROBABLY REPLACE MCDONALD AND IN
TURN A TURKISH CITIZEN, SUHA EREN, WOULD REPLACE HUSSEY.
FORMERLY ALL THREE SERVICE POSITIONS OF CHIEF, DEPUTY
AND CONTRACT SECTION CHIEF WERE OCCUPIED BY US CITIZENS.
2. COMMENT: THIS OFFICE IS CHARGED WITH (1) BACKSTOPPING
AND PROCURING FOR UN EMERGENCY FORCES; (2) CONTRACTS AND
PROCUREMENT FOR ALL UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS AND
(3) GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING ACTIVITIES FOR UN SECRETARIAT,
INCLUDING PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING. APPARENTLY, UNEF
OPERATIONS AND HIGHLY DEMANDING 38TH FLOOR HAVE CREATED
CRONIC SITUATION OF OVERWORK IN THE SERVICES.

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EM MISSION BELIEVES THAT US SHARE OF UN CONTRACTS IS ALREADY

LOW. IF PERSONNEL CHANGES INDICATED BY BARIM WERE TO COME ABOUT, THE US SHARE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY DECLINE EVEN FURTHER. END COMMENT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO BARIM COMPLAINT, MISOFFS URGED BARIM TO RECONSIDER HIS THREAT OF RESIGNATION. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS SITUATION, AND IF NECESSARY TAKE IT UP WITH ASYG RYAN.
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